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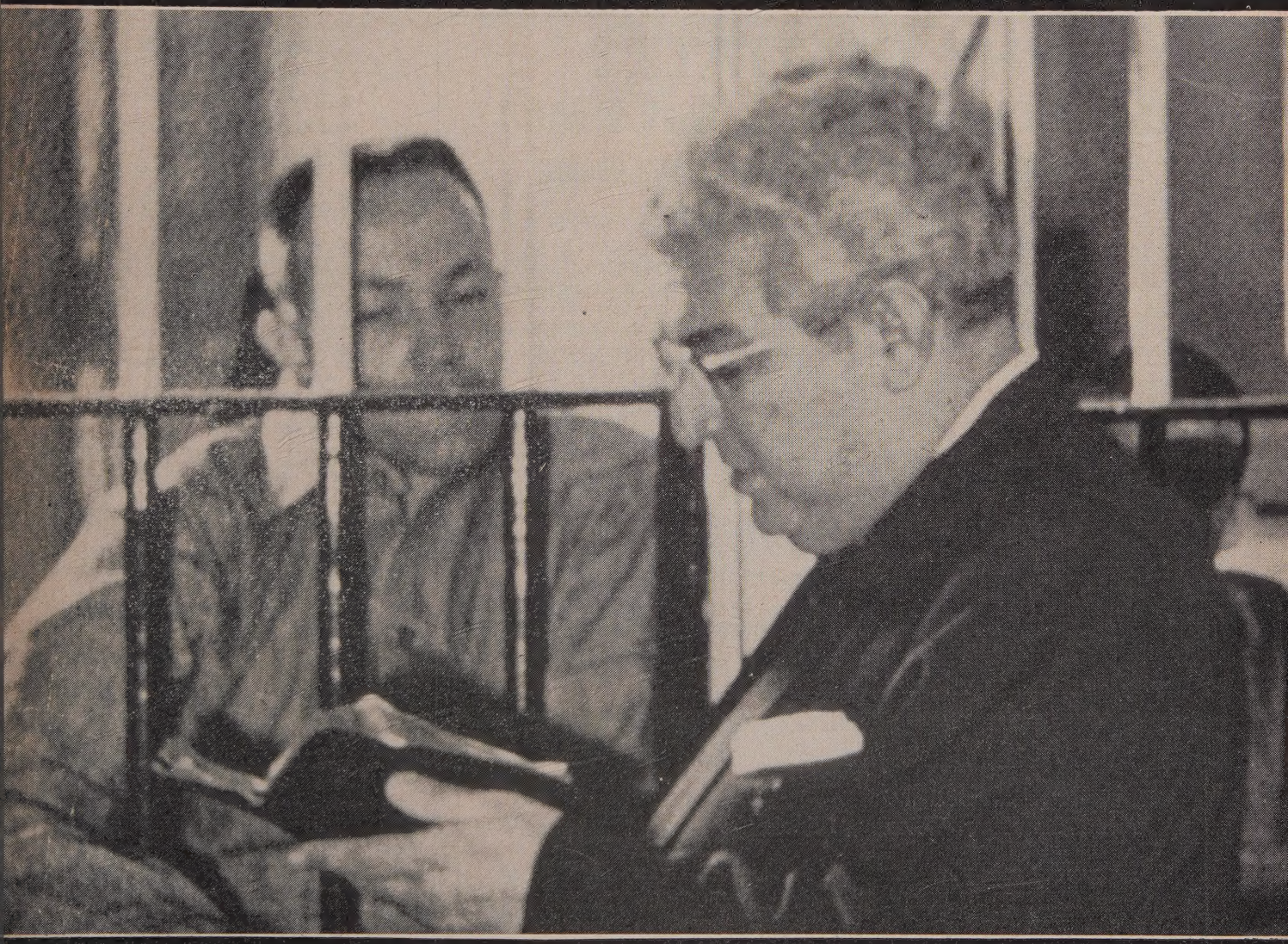

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NAE
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Each month we expect to visit with you through this column to help you keep in touch with what NAE is doing through its officers, staff, commissions and affiliated agencies. Because of the busy pace at which most of these operate the name, "NAE on the Move," seems most apropos. Watch this column monthly to see what may be happening in an area near you.

■ THE "BIG MOVE" has been made and the headquarters staff is now settled in a new home in downtown Wheaton. The new offices are in a modern building at 222 E. Willow Ave. Friends who come to Wheaton are invited to come by. In this city, which is often called the "Mecca" for evangelical Christians, the NAE offices are a credit to the organization.

■ SHORTLY AFTER MOVING in, however, the executive director, DR. GEORGE L. FORD, left for an extended trip of two months through the West and into the Northwest. Besides several speaking engagements during June, he also conducted a course on church extension at the Hume Lake Ministers' Conference, Calif., and was an observer of the Christian Ministry to the National Parks at Rocky Mountain National Park.

He will attend several meetings and conferences in the Northwest in July and will represent NAE at the American Institute of Planners July 27-30 in Seattle.

■ DR. HERBERT S. MEKEEL, NAE president, and DR. CLYDE TAYLOR, secretary of public affairs, will share speaking honors at the convention of the National Association of Free Will Baptists which meets July 13-16 at Asheville, N. C. Dr. Mekeel will address the convention on Wednesday morning, July 15, and Dr. Taylor will speak at a special missionary service on Wednesday night.

■ A CONFERENCE of evangelical leaders was held June 19-20 at Tulsa, Okla., to study the problems of the industrial chaplain. REV. DON GILL, assistant secretary of public affairs, was the NAE representative.

■ DR. CLYDE TAYLOR will be one of the speakers at a meeting of the Oriental Missionary Society July 26 at Ocean Grove, N. J. He will also be on the program at the Inter-Varsity Student Conference August 4-17. Site of the conference will be the Missionary Training Camp, located at Cedarville, Michigan.

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Governmental and inter-governmental agencies cannot perpetuate a free way of life without spiritual revival. For a decade Billy Graham has stressed this point; now the assertion comes from the President of the United Nations, Charles Malik of Lebanon. "A mighty spiritual revival therefore is needed," he said. "For much more than peace is at stake. The revival must take hold not only of individuals here and there, but of whole institutions, not only of the leaders but of the grass roots." Dr. Malik made the statement in Washington where he formerly served as his country's ambassador to the U. S.

A study recently made in Washington revealed that Protestants are barred from the presidency of several nations where Roman Catholicism is the dominant religion. The study, conducted by POAU, was prompted by charges that Catholics are tacitly banned from the U. S. presidency. Argentina, Paraguay, Spain, Ireland and Portugal were some of the countries covered by the study. England, Denmark and Norway specifically require a Protestant chief of state.

The atheistic foundation of communism and the religious basis of democracy will be contrasted at the Eastern Defense Training Center in Brooklyn, N. Y. during the Religious Affairs course from July 20-23. Numerous east coast ministers will be enrolled. Another subject will be the psychological expectations of reactions to war-related situations. The ministers will also be given a briefing on the current international situation, including enemy intentions and capabilities. Enrollment information may be obtained from Fred W. Kern, Religious Affairs Director, Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization, Battle Creek, Michigan.

A campaign to wipe out all vestiges of Christianity in Red China and North Korea is now under way, the House Un-American Activities Committee was told recently. The testimony was given by five church leaders who formerly lived in those areas. Torture, death and breaking up of families are some of the means used by the communists. Religious organizations have been completely subverted, so that there are no truly Christian churches in Red China today.

A bill sponsored by Reps. Herlong of Florida and Judd of Minnesota would authorize the establishment of a Freedom Academy by the U. S. government. The purpose would be to train private citizens and government personnel in all aspects of communist theory and tactic, and to develop new methods of our own in promoting freedom and counteracting communism. A similar bill was introduced in the Senate, but as yet no hearings have been scheduled.

The United States Information Agency has decided that it will include a religious display at the United States Fair in Moscow this summer. Senator Dodd of Connecticut has suggested the National Conference of Christians and Jews as the group to handle the display.

A subcommittee on postal operations has completed hearings on the distribution of obscene publications through the U. S. mails, and the chairman, Rep. Kathryn E. Granahan of Pennsylvania has introduced legislation to give the Post Office further means of action against obscenity. Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, NAE Secretary of Public Affairs, testified to the inevitable effect of obscene publications on young people and the detrimental effects of the tone of such publications which are exported to other countries.

The Christian in Law Enforcement

By ROGER ARNEBERGH

PROBABLY THE MOST significant crime statistic is that in recent years crime has been increasing about four times as fast as population.

In other words, the startling increase in crime is not due only to population increase, although this is a factor, but crime is increasing four times as fast as it should if population increase were the only factor.

Breaking down this increase into age groups, we are confronted with the fact that the average age of the criminal is decreasing. There is now a campaign under way to emphasize the gravity of the juvenile delinquency problem and what should be done about it. And this is very appropriate to consider when discussing law enforcement, for an adult criminal is almost invariably a person who was a juvenile delinquent before becoming an adult.

But what is juvenile delinquency?

There are very few of us who have not participated in some Halloween activity or similar escapade when we were in our youth. Consequently, many people are not concerned about juvenile delinquency, considering it to be merely this type of slightly anti-social behavior. To them, juvenile delinquency entails only some childhood prank or some minor law violation such as playing baseball in the street.

But today when we talk about juvenile delinquency we are not referring to this type of misbehavior. Today what we call a juvenile delinquent is all too often a young criminal.

In order to understand the problem it is necessary to define the term "juvenile delinquency." Possibly the best definition is the record of crime committed by juveniles.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, recently stated that the "startling increase" of juvenile delinquency creates a "shocking condition." Throughout the nation, crime is increasing approximately four times as fast as population, but the average age of criminals is decreasing. Today juvenile delinquency is, in my opinion, our most critical law-enforcement problem.

The staid, conservative American Bar Association Journal recently carried an article by a juvenile judge. In commenting on his article, the Journal stated:

"Judge Miner writes of one of the most alarming trends in the country today—the constant, unchecked rise in major acts of crime committed by young people. The statistics are bad enough, but the examples of crimes committed by youths that Judge Miner cites are horrible in their very nature."

In his article, Judge Miner stated in part:

"Crime and juvenile delinquency are our major national problems. They are so menacing our general welfare that the American people should mobilize every resource to alleviate this critical condition."

Bertram B. Beck, director of the Special Juvenile Project in the United States, said, "The problem of juvenile delinquency has been *under*estimated, not overestimated. The juvenile crime rate is one of the most alarming threats in our nation today. . . . Our national teenage crime rate has risen 45 per cent in the last five years. There has never been a parallel to this depravity in the history of our nation."

The FBI's records for 1957, the last full year available, show a 9.8 per cent increase in juvenile arrest over 1956. These were not for petty crimes.

According to these FBI statistics, youths 17 and under constitute 26.4 per cent of all robbery arrests, 67.6 per cent of all car theft arrests, 51.3 per cent of all larceny arrests, 54.8 per cent of all burglary arrests, and 19.5 per cent of all rape arrests!

Considering the 10-17 year age bracket—population increase in the last four years has been ten per cent but the crime increase in the age group has been approximately 100 per cent. Stated differently, the crime increase in the 10-17 year age bracket has been ten times faster than the population increase in the same age bracket.

Possibly equally significant — and certainly more frightening—is that of those under 18 years of age arrested in 1957, 39 per cent were not yet 15!

What is the responsibility of the Christian in law enforcement?

Some people apparently feel that they have no responsibility—that the responsibility for law enforcement is solely that of those who are law-enforcement officials. But this view is very short-sighted and inaccurate. Unfortunately, law enforcement officials rarely have an opportunity to do other than apprehend and prosecute those who have violated the law. But true "law enforcement" is obedience to the law; that is, the avoidance of law violations, the prevention of crime.

To apprehend and prosecute law violators is necessary. But this inevitably results in great expense, broken hearts, and ruined lives. Think of the suffering of the victims of crime, the broken hearts of the family of the juvenile delinquent or other criminal, and the blighted life of a criminal who is sent to prison. This, I believe, clearly establishes that it is the responsibility of every Christian to devote his best efforts to "law enforcement" in its concept of the prevention of crime.

How can Christians most effectively direct their efforts in the field of law enforcement? One way is to study the causes of juvenile delinquency and crime and seek to eliminate them.

One of the major factors in delinquency and crime is *idle time*. It is essential that we adults make available constructive hobbies and beneficial activities to occupy the leisure time of young people. In addition it is necessary that we supply facilities for recreation and sports.

The problem is different today than it was when we were youngsters. When I was a boy we could play baseball on the vacant lot next door. Today there is no vacant lot next door, so we must provide parks and playgrounds. This, of course, makes it imperative that we have more sponsored youth activities. It was not so necessary that there be a sponsor when the games were played on vacant lots in the immediate neighborhood. But now that our children, in most cases, must go a considerable distance in order to participate in such activities, it is highly advisable that they be sponsored.

Another cause of delinquency is our failure to indoctrinate in our children a *sense of responsibility*. This can only be accomplished by early and constant training. As an indispensable part of

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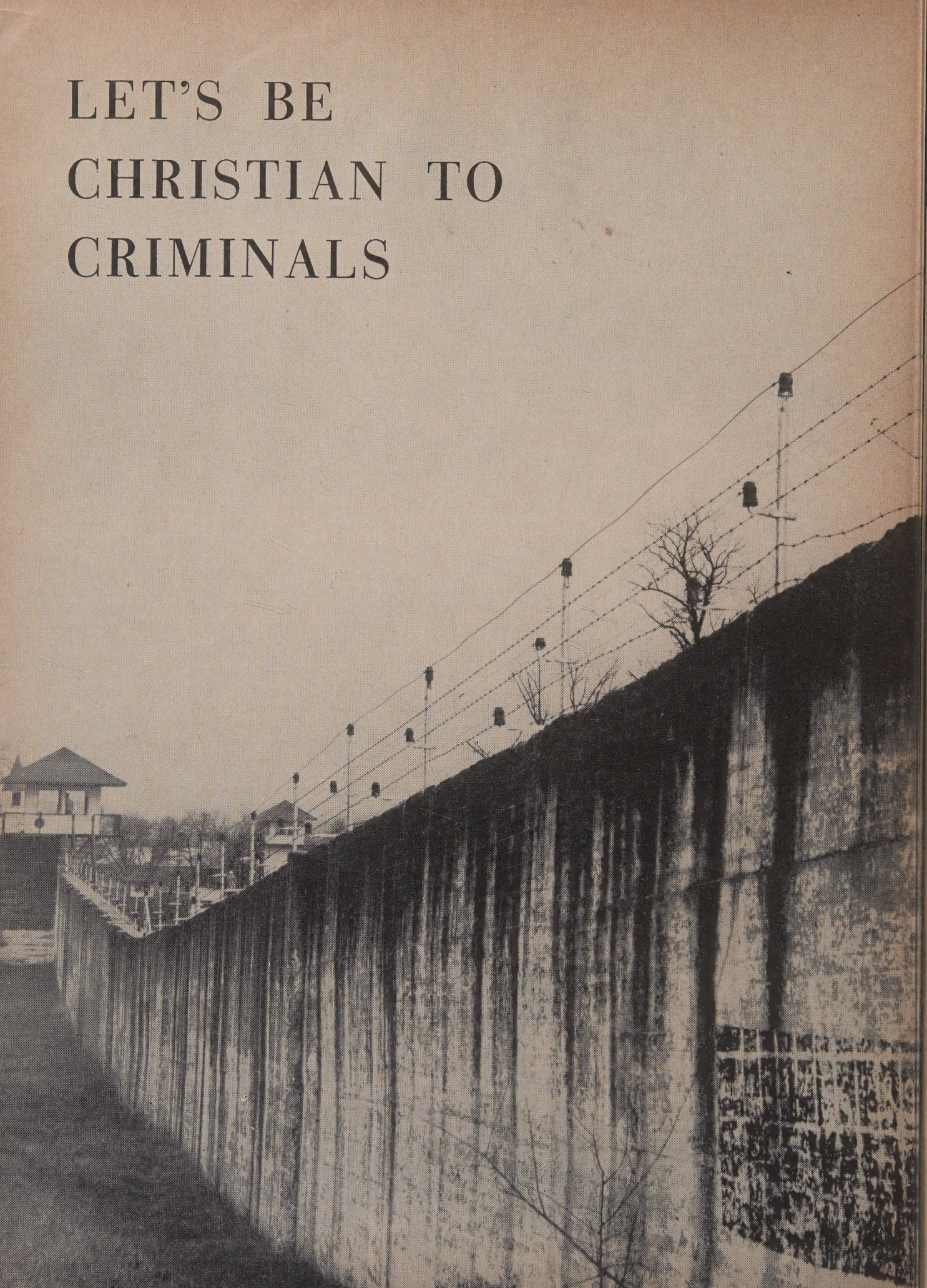
This is an address given at a meeting of the NAE Social Action Commission at the NAE convention in April. Mr. Arnebergh is city attorney for Los Angeles, California.

LET'S BE CHRISTIAN TO CRIMINALS



BEHIND THOSE vigilantly guarded walls and high barbed wire fences there are people. Too often we treat them as something less than human, herding them, brutally punishing them, and locking them in cages like beasts.

It is time for Christians everywhere to do something for these people to see that they receive proper treatment. Our task lies on both sides of those walls! What is done for the ex-prisoner by society after his or her release is equally important with what is done to and for the prisoner inside the walls. The church must ask itself, "What are we doing to help these people? Is not the love of Christ available to them, too?"

We stood aghast at the news coming from the Georgia Rock Quarry Prison where 41 desperate men used 20-pound hammers to break their legs in protest against prison conditions. Is forced hard labor from six to six in the hot sun on a granite rock pile the best way to correct criminals, even those who become incorrigible? Do we not also resent news of prisoners rioting for better food and treatment? Is it all their fault? How far removed from medieval or primitive barbarianism are we when in recent years one of our prisons placed slow-working prisoners under metal canopies called "hot boxes" in cotton fields, allowing the hot sun to beat down upon the victim until he was too weak to resist?

Such conditions will remain in these United States, the leading Christian nation of the world, as long as we allow our prisons to be run by politicians and sadists. Let us be shocked at the sadism of our prisons as well as that practiced behind the Iron or Bamboo Curtain.

Politics should not be the criteria for the selection of prison management personnel, but this is true in 26 states. Prison jobs are being handed out through political patronage. Until this system is corrected, many prisons will remain instruments of brutal punishment, turning out more broken people than have entered.

Why should we be concerned about these people? First, approximately 60 per cent of Americans claim some church affiliation, therefore the greater percentage of society should be taking a Christian approach to this problem, an approach based on genuine concern and love.

Secondly, the average criminal serves a term of two and a half years. This means that he will soon be released into the society he has offended either to readjust himself in that society or continue in his life of crime. Nearly 95 per cent of all the people sent to prisons are discharged to re-enter society, while only five per cent never return from behind the walls. Should we not be concerned about the 40 per cent of the discharged who commit new crimes, 75 per cent of which are committed within 90 days after their release?

What is a prison? To some a prison is a fortress in reverse. People are held inside by force to be punished as wrongdoers. In these "fortresses turned outside in" most of the riots occur, the percentage of those who return after being released is higher, costs of security are higher, and little is done to rehabilitate the convicts.

To others a prison is a place where the lawbreaker is given an opportunity to test and improve his skills to equip himself for a return to normalcy. Although much has been done in this field of prisoner rehabilitation, still a good percentage of our state convicts are victims of the outmoded system of punishment.

The state prison at Jackson, Michigan maintains ten prison camps. The

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By WILLIAM J. KRUTZA

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work programs of these camps include reforestation, the eradication of barberry rust to help the small grain and wheat farmers of the state, the beautification of highways, wildlife counts, building and maintaining two excellent ski runs, and helping in a system of forest fire prevention. Under such proper work settings, and under trained supervisors, this type of program is carried out in several states using this "trusty" labor outside the walls.

At the Institution for Men at Chino, California an easy escape is a key policy. Superintendent Kenyon J. Scudder says that you must allow the prisoner to be trusted. Visits from families, picnics around tables, and sports have become a vital and important part of the rehabilitation program at Chino. Some 34 different trades are being taught. Prisoners spend up to 20 hours per week in training and most of them maintain a 40 hour work week.

The reason for so much training has been found in the fact that nearly 80 per cent of all men sent to prison have no skills they can offer when seeking employment. This compares to other state figures revealing that more than 50 per cent of today's prisoners in state institutions remain idle. Idleness is a menace to developing a good frame of mind in the prisoner by which he will be able to adjust to society.

Federal Prison Industries, Inc., established in 1934, puts all able-bodied federal convicts who are not used in general prison services into some type of productive program. The profits from this program in 1951 nearly paid for the upkeep of the two largest federal prisons, Atlanta and Leavenworth. More than one-third of all federal prisoners are also enlisted in some type of vocational training program. The goods produced by the convicts is not sold on the open market, but goes entirely to the government.

At Seagoville, Texas prisoners are trusted. No walls encompass the prison, no armed guards threaten prisoners, the prison is alongside a highway. In every way escape is made easy, but being placed upon their honor, the prisoners rarely attempt to break out. Trust has been the greatest boon to security. It is also basic in their prisoner rehabilitation program; consequently more than 75 per cent of those released go back into society never to return.

Prisoners—people who have offended society, but nevertheless people—respond to good treatment like all other people. At Seagoville emphasis is placed upon the abilities and desires of the individual prisoner in establishing himself in meaningful work. Prisoners do not like futile endeavor. They are challenged to accomplish things worthwhile by being taught skills that will enable them to earn an honest living after being released.

How would you react if one of these prisoners, recently released, presented himself to your community for a welcome or to your place of business for employment? Would you say, "Who wants a criminal around?" Too often we, as their fellow Americans, have treated them in this spirit causing a large number of them to return to criminal practices or to do tasks far inferior to their abilities.

Ex-convicts are barred from all the armed forces, may be disqualified from civil service, and in many states are not even allowed to possess a driver's license. This last situation would forever keep a good salesman from his line of occupation even if he was imprisoned for a crime such as failure to pay alimony, a crime totally unrelated to his driving. Doctors, dentists and lawyers invariably must seek new occupations

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Mr. Krutza is pastor of Park View Baptist church, Mokena, Illinois.

Photo by Paul Schleicher

after their release, being barred from their former professions. The obtaining of work is the most important factor in the beginning of the outside rehabilitation of these returning citizens to society, but society does not seem to desire any rehabilitation of the greater number of these people.

The average released ex-convict comes into society with less than ten dollars. Prisoners from New York City's Ricker's Island Penitentiary are often turned out to face society with 25 cents and a sandwich. Long term federal prisoners have some savings, made possible through the federal prison work rehabilitation program, upon which they can rely until their first paycheck. Some type of financial assistance for these freed people would have a great effect upon combating discouragement and the return to crime.

Can ex-prisoners be trusted? Do they make good employees? The Osborne Association, founded in 1932 by the late Thomas Mott Osborne, a man who pioneered in changing society's treatment of criminals, has in the past 25 years placed some 15,000 ex-convicts. Out of this number only 14 have betrayed their trust. This is only nine-tenths of one per cent. The other 54 prisoner aid societies of the International Prisoners Aid Association could easily give similar reports. In comparison, are average employees in a normal situation this trustworthy.

The church, which has played only a small direct role in changing the mind of society on this issue, should step forward and lead in prison reforms and prisoner rehabilitation. This would be Christianity in true action. We cannot take the general attitude which has so long prevailed; these people, although they have committed offenses against society, still belong in society after serving their prescribed time. By the grace of God they too can develop into useful and peaceful citizens of our great land.

Reed Cozart, pardon attorney of the United States Department of Justice, suggests that churches bring programs such as lectures, choir presentations, and instrumental music to the prisons. "Some church organizations work in connection with the prison chaplain in making direct contributions to the religious life of the prisoner."

He further says, "I know of one small church that is very helpful in offering to have the members of its men's group visit prisoners regularly. By that I mean, there are men in prison who are so far away from home that it is not practical to receive visits from their relatives. With the approval of the warden at the prison, the men visit prisoners who have no regular visitors. In the same community members of labor unions and other organizations participate in the same manner." This is only one example of what is being done, but all churches in prison areas could devote more attention to such projects.

Another program in the development stage is known as the "prisoners' prerelease program." The prisoner holds meetings with people from the outside community learning what shall be demanded of him and what preparations are being made by society for his coming. This would be an excellent pastoral ministry in prison towns. Ministers and laymen cans erve as advisers to releases. They can be instrumental in the securing of employment and the establishment of social contacts.

We should welcome these people into the normal life of the church. They have precious souls that need the nurture of the love of God. They need more than their own energies to counteract their past—they need God. If they are shunned by Christians they will be unable to participate and partake of His power to sustain them in the hours of their great trials. Surely Jesus included the ex-convict when He extended His kingdom's call to "whosoever believeth." Let us likewise welcome these transgressors into fellowship with the Lord.

The Christian should stay in the thick of this battle for righteous treatment of these fallen people. Many unfair laws should be repealed. Many labor leaders and industrial managements should be opposed in their policies which keep ex-prisoners from freely finding the work that fits their skills. They should also be opposed in their pressure tactics against productivity in prisons.

We should have the attitude of the state church of Finland which declares that an offender is a fallen brother, and that it is the obligation of society to restore him to the brotherhood.

We should campaign for laws which provide for the rehabilitation of every prisoner rather than simply place him in a place of punishment for a stated period of time.

We should work more to have offenders, especially first offenders, released on probation, not only as a tax-saving measure, but as a means of bringing them back to normal life and of sparing them from the stigma of the prison sentence.

Christians in America need to take the Christian approach to the rehabilitation of law breakers. May God give us the grace and understanding to love and restore the fallen.

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Louis King

GETTING TO BED near midnight and on the job at five a.m. doesn't leave much time for sleep for Rev. Louis R. King.

But he says he doesn't sleep peacefully anyhow. "I keep hearing the voices of these men and women."

The "voices" belong to Mr. King's parishioners—shoplifters, dope addicts, drunkards—persons of all races and creeds who land in the Chicago House of Correction and the Cook County Jail charged with what the law calls "misdemeanors."

As NAE chaplain of both of these institutions, Mr. King says, "The Lord has entrusted to me more than 4,000 souls. We must reach them for Christ there because the Christians and churches have let them slip through their fingers."

With boundless energy that seems almost supernaturally given, Chaplain King spends a 12-to-16-hour day trying to do just that.

He has been an institutional chaplain since 1948 when he became the evangelical chaplain at Bridewell, or the Chicago House of Correction. Shortly after he came, the old prison walls (the institution was built in 1871) began to hear strange sounds. With the enthusiastic approval of Warden Frank G. Sain, Chaplain King formed a prison band.

There were many raised eyebrows, but the Lord gave "grace, patience and perseverance," he says. Out of those that were saved, he selected those who knew music or wanted to learn. These comprised the first musical organization the prison had ever known.

"To this day we play absolutely nothing but marches and gospel music," he states, "and the Lord has been very gracious in winning many unto Himself through the ministry of music. Some of those who were in the band are today in different parts of America working with various symphony orchestras."

When Warden Sain was elected sheriff of Cook County last year, he asked King to serve as his chaplain at the Cook County Jail. This meant two jobs, but it also meant a larger ministry. He accepted. He promised to give the sheriff a real band at the jail—one of which he wouldn't have to be ashamed.

He says, "I found a group of men in the county jail blowing instruments, but doing nothing more than making

institutional chaplain is minister to . . .

a lot of noise." What happened gained national notoriety for the chaplain.

There was some difference of interpretation, too, as to just what happened. One of the Chicago papers reported: "The jail's band has been dismissed—in disgrace, so to speak—by the Rev. Louis R. King, evangelical chaplain at the jail. He just couldn't face the music."

Chaplain King says, "The first time I approached these men I asked them if they could play 'Silent Night.' Since they didn't know it by memory, I quickly wrote out a very simple arrangement and rehearsed them for two weeks on this one simple tune. They couldn't read it or play it, so I then told them about the Lord Jesus Christ and what He could do for them in every way.

"When they insisted on blowing rock 'n' roll and what they call 'progressive jazz,' I had to tell them to put away the instruments and when the Lord gives us some Christian musicians we will start up the band again and play the kind of music that is pleasing to Him."

The incident was widely publicized, but he says "not once did they use the name of Jesus Christ as I did many times when I was interviewed." He wants it plainly understood by those who might have thought him indiscreet in handling the situation that "I wouldn't back down or compromise for anyone or anything, for my Lord Jesus Christ comes first in my life and in my ministry. I know there will be many more occasions that I will have to take a stand—and the stand will be the same until Jesus comes."

To those who had known Chaplain King when he was Bob King, jazz band leader and "mean" trumpeter, this stand might have seemed out of character. But the character of the one-armed trumpet player with the Vincent Lopez band when it played the Astor and Pennsylvania Hotels in New York and other "class" places had been changed.

The old, fast, gay life had brought him "down and out" in 1944. In the county jail at Memphis, Tenn., he tried to commit suicide with a noose made of bed sheets. The suicide attempt failed and in complete desperation he turned to God. Then he dedicated himself to a new career—preaching religion "where I got it, behind bars."

The National Association of Evangelicals appointed him as chaplain at Bridewell in 1948.

When he starts to make his rounds in the morning at Bridewell, his first stop is the institution's hospital "to see what bad police cases have come in overnight." He says boys near surgery, or death, need help most.

Then he visits the workshops — laundry, tailoring, bakery — miles of walking inside the high walls. He goes to the school, gym, the cells. In his good left hand he carries a heavy briefcase filled with religious literature. He counsels and prays. To them all, he hands out Bibles if they want them with the word: "Read it and live it and you won't come back."

Evenings he sees the families of inmates who request such visits. Or he talks before religious or civic groups. He receives no salary as chaplain. The gifts of these groups are his income and out of this he spends some $50 a month on "little gifts for the folks."

Not only does he receive no salary, but he is not even provided with funds for the gospel music for the band. This he buys, too. "I am praying that Christians will realize that on many occasions my ministry is limited because of the lack of funds that could make it more effectual," he says simply.

Money hasn't always been a problem with him, however. Before his conversion he was earning $900 a week and those were the days when a dollar was worth every cent of it.

Occasionally he hears from the crowd that knew Bob King. Some members ask how he likes going from $900 a week to nothing-for-sure. He replied: "I've gone from $900 a week to serving Christ—a privilege no man can buy."

The joy and satisfaction of his sacrificial ministry to the men and women behind bars even make up for some of the sleep for which he just can't find the time.

. . . A Prison Parish with 4,000 Souls

By W. S. MOONEYHAM

THIS PRESENT WORLD

interpreting around-the-world news

Peace Project

■ DESPITE ITS almost daily disavowal that the recommendations of the World Order Study Conference constitute official policy, the National Council of Churches launched on July 1 a "peace project" which will include special consideration of the findings of the study conference.

In practically every news release referring to the November conference there is this statement: "Although the conference was sponsored by the Department of International Affairs, the council says that its pronouncements did not constitute an official NCC policy."

Now the announcement has come that during this year-long program of education action for world peace, special consideration will be given to the controversial findings of the conference. Among other things the conference recommended recognition of Red China by this country and the United Nations, disarmament by multilateral agreements going beyond the suspension of nuclear tests, a break-through in the cold war by advancing toward competition in ways other than war, and more liberal economic aid to overseas countries.

The peace project will be undertaken by four commissions of the NCC Department of International Affairs in co-operation with social action units of the council's 32 constituent denominations, the announcement said. Four broad subjects will be covered: power struggle and security in a nuclear space age, overseas areas of rapid social change, changing dimensions of human rights, and internal institutions and peaceful changes.

This magazine and the organization it represents are as much for peace as the next one. We're for both kinds of peace—the inner peace which comes from a right relationship with God and world peace which will simply be the international projection of the personal peace given by Jesus Christ. But peace can't be international until it has become personal.

This leads to the conclusion that the best peace projects are the missionary and evangelistic efforts of Bible-believing churches that point men away from the confusion of this world to the peace of God.

Work Week

■ ALTHOUGH IT WOULD come as no surprise to most pastors, it might be some consolation to see it in print and know that they have companions in their tribulations. A nationwide survey among Methodist ministers has disclosed that three out of five work 50 to 69 hours a week, while one out of ten works 80 hours or more.

More than half of those surveyed said they receive inadequate salaries, two out of five do some kind of janitorial work around the church, and one-third think there is at least one layman in the congregation who tries to "boss the preacher around." They reported annual salaries ranging from $2,000 to $10,000, but 62 per cent received less than $5,000 and only four per cent, $7,500 or more.

Yet fewer than three ministers in a hundred stated that they would not choose the same profession if they had their lives to live over.

As we said, all of this probably comes as no surprise since it only confirms what most pastors already knew anyhow.

Train 'em Up

■ WHAT DO TODAY'S teen-agers think about divorce? Eugene Gilbert, president of Gilbert Youth Research Co., has a pretty good idea. His organization surveyed 600 representative teeners, asked some pointed questions, and then tabulated responses to find that:

"Most of them attach virtually no social stigma to divorce."

Eighty per cent of them felt that children of a divorced couple can have a normal home life.

Seventy-seven per cent of them would not "stick out an unhappy marriage just to avoid divorce."

An 18-year-old girl from Maryland summed up what was an apparently representative attitude: "Happiness is the ultimate in life, so why be purposely unhappy?"

Quality—Red Standard

■ BACK IN MARCH, Communist Poland tried a new psychological shock technique: a "how-*not*-to-do-it" exhibit of the nation's worst consumer products. In an effort to "stimulate" quality production, the government invited trade officials, factory executives and price commission members to the Prime Minister's office for an inspection tour of four rooms of "off-white elephants": elastic that doesn't stretch, fruit candy devoid of fruit, saws that curl up when put to wood, frying pans that burn out the first time on the stove, etc.—inequities which have bilked the Polish consumer during the past year.

The public, of course, was not invited to the show!

Reporters Report

■ "DO YOU THINK a Roman Catholic could be elected President of the United States in 1960?"

The answer to this question asked of 26 religion reporters in 17 states is indicative of the national political picture—13 said "Yes" and 13 said "No." And that seems to spell out pretty well how the country feels—nobody knows.

In reply to another question, 13 of the reporters said they thought the religious revival in this country was as strong as ever, but nine said it was leveling off and four that it was waning. Generally, the reporters who gauged the religious ferment in the country to be leveling off or on the wane were from the North. Most southern writers said the religious feeling in that part of the nation was as strong as ever.

One of them, feeling that religious fervor was becoming stronger, noted, "Suburbia now demands church membership as a qualification of social acceptance equal to membership or participation in PTA, child psychology, Little League baseball, and the local golf club."

The feeling of several was summed up by one writer who said that "apparently the superficial indications, a la Graham, Peale, Sheen, etc., have lost their punch. But basically I believe the churches are doing an increasingly effective job."

Spain's Minority

■ SPAIN'S 20,000 to 30,000 Protestants (some sources report as few as 10,000) are apparently a source of embarrassment to the Roman Catholic Church and the government. Catholics in touch with the government have revealed to newsmen a secret official circular which threatens to shut most Protestant places of worship, according to *New York Times* reporter Benjamin Welles.

These disturbing reports to Protestants in Spain indicate that Generalissimo Francisco Franco either tacitly approves or is indifferent to these obstructions to public worship as defined in Spanish law. In the last few years, at least 30 Protestant chapels or other places of worship have been closed.

Ten in One

■ A PROPOSAL for a merger of ten denominations of the Presbyterian and Reformed traditions was sounded by Dr. Theophilus M. Taylor, past moderator of the United Presbyterian Church, in a letter to nine other groups.

The letter expressed the hope that "you and we may present our witness to the reconciling love of God in Christ to the world with one voice in one Church." It was addressed to the following denominations: Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Cumberland Presbyterian Church, (Colored) Cumberland Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. and Liberia; Evangelical and Reformed Church, Hungarian Reformed Church in America, Reformed Church in America, Presbyterian

...or evangelicals

Church in the U.S. (Southern), Presbyterian Church in Canada and United Church of Canada.

Dr. James E. Wagner, president of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, said that the proposal was a "cause for rejoicing," but warned that his denomination would have to consider the invitation "in the light of its deep involvement" with the United Church of Christ. The E & R Church merged with the Congregational Christian General Council in 1957 to form the United Church of Christ.

Internal Threat

■ A WARNING that America faces a new and serious challenge from Communist infiltration has been sounded by the head of the FBI.

On a recent television and radio interview, J. Edgar Hoover reported that the National Committee of the Communist party has been briefed by three of its high officials who recently returned from an important Moscow conference. Reversing a reported downward trend in party membership, Hoover said that "they [the Communists] have now renewed their drive for increased membership."

Asked how America can best combat Communism, Hoover replied:

"I think the best way to combat it is to have our people know what communism is. There's a great confusion as to what its real purposes are. We read in the paper some of the statements made by Khrushchev and his associates, pleading for peaceful coexistence. What that means is surrender to communism.

"They also talk about the necessity of our foreign policy being more flexible. I think our people should recognize the fact that you can't be flexible with principles. And our principle of foreign policy was based on morality."

The Camel's Nose

■ OKLAHOMANS HAVE cause to remember the fable about the camel who only wanted to put his nose in the Arab's tent, but finally wound up dispossessing the owner.

When Oklahoma repealed its prohibition law, promises were made that no alcohol ads would be allowed in the state. We don't know if anybody really believed that sort of propaganda, but, if so, the disillusionment has already set in.

A move is on now to circumvent the state constitutional prohibition on alcohol advertising. The Oklahoma Press Association is pushing for an interpretation of the law that would allow for national or brand name advertising without reference to local outlets.

Wonder if anybody really believes that this would be the end?

Billy Meets the Devil

■ EVANGELIST BILLY GRAHAM came face to face with the devil during a visit to Sydney University in Australia. The university, observing Commemoration Week, had for several days been the scene of undergraduate pranks, processions and festivities.

Mr. Graham, speaking on faith, said, "You and I should strike our matches so our faith in God will glow." Suddenly there was a bang and puff of smoke. The devil appeared in a flamered costume complete with horns and tail. He walked up to Graham and shook hands with the laughing evangelist.

Mr. Graham produced a small Bible from his pocket, put his hand on the devil's shoulder and began to show him the way of salvation.

No Sin in Syncopation

■ A PASTOR AND CHOIR director in Buffalo have experimented with more rhythmic worship music and have become convinced that "there is no sin in syncopation."

At Kensington Methodist church, the junior choir sang a lively gospel spiritual, "It's Me, O Lord," at a worship service and added syncopation with a tambourine, clapping and foot-tapping. A few members objected, but the majority favored doing it more often, the pastor said.

The choir director, who is associate professor of music at Buffalo State Teachers College, said that in the last 100 years "our Methodist and Baptist ancestors discarded that music which led them to shout, clap and jump for joy in the Lord."

Meanwhile, in Hollywood an 80-year-old dancer has entered upon a project to bring the dance into the church. Ruth St. Denis says that her passion is to create a rhythmic choir that will dance to religious music.

Tightening the Grip

■ FEARS THAT the Communist regime will tighten its grip on the religious life of Hungary have been voiced following the announcement that a long-term Communist had been named head of the State Office for Church Affairs. It was reported that the former director had apparently been dismissed because the regime considered he had been "too weak" in his handling of church affairs by tolerating the development of "reactionary activities" within the ranks of the Catholic clergy.

Church sources in Vienna said that relations between the Budapest government and the Catholic Church have been deteriorating since the beginning of the year when seminaries throughout the country openly opposed the government by refusing to cooperate in "peace" campaigns conducted by "patriotic priest" groups.

At least 100 students were dismissed from the seminaries in retaliation for their "uncooperative attitude."

About the Cover

Through the bars of a prisoner's cell, Rev. Louis R. King, NAE institutional chaplain in Cook County, Illinois, reads the Bible and offers spiritual help to one of the 4,000 comprising his captive congregation. See pages 8 and 9 for the full story of his sacrificial ministry.

Expanded Ministry

■ ANOTHER TOOL in the ministry of evangelism has been added by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. It will be in the form of a monthly magazine devoted entirely to the work of evangelism scheduled to appear late in the fall.

The tabloid-sized periodical will be entitled *World Evangelism* and will carry news and pictures of evangelistic activities around the globe. Editor of the magazine will be Dr. Sherwood Wirt, former newspaperman and more recently pastor of Hillside Presbyterian church, Oakland, Calif.

Bumper Crop

■ ROMAN CATHOLICS in the United States, Alaska and Hawaii now number 39½ million, a 47.8 per cent increase over the nearly 27 million reported in 1949. So says the Official Catholic Directory for 1959.

The number of adult baptisms totaled 140,411 during 1958, topping the 100,000 mark for the 13th year in succession and bringing the total number of conversions reported during the last decade to 1,301,335. There were almost one-and-a-half million infant baptisms last year.

There are seven Archdioceses with Catholic populations in excess of one million. They are Chicago, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Newark, Detroit, and Los Angeles.

How Now in Spain?

■ A SPANISH PRIEST writing about the present state of Catholicism in Spain has made some interesting observations. He points out that "a prince of the Church, the Bishop of Madrid-Alcala, is a member of the Supreme Council of the Falange; a Benedictine monk and a professor of the Seminary of Pamplona are members of the subordinate National Council of the Falange; for that matter, all of the subsidiary organizations of the Falange have spiritual counsellors, and all Falangist ceremonies begin with the celebration of the mass. These and many other aspects of official Catholicism in Spain ring of compromise . . ."

The priest, writing under the pen name of Samino Iturri in the periodical *Iberica,* goes on to give some enlightening facts about the Catholicism of Spain by stating that "Those attending mass in the suburbs of Barcelona do not amount to 10 per cent of the total population; in the center of Barcelona, 20 per cent; in the outskirts of Madrid there are only 14,000 practicing Catholics among 106,000 inhabitant of six big parishes."

Less Population, Too

■ IT HAS BEEN reported that during the next five years the Red Chinese government plans to adopt an alphabet with 26 letters to replace the present one which has thousands of pictographic characters. This is logical since the government has already reduced the number of Chinese by about 20 million.

Law Enforcement

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this training a child should be assigned some daily task requiring dependability, which will give him this sense of responsibility. The task may be small, such as merely taking care of the family pet or the yard. But it should be something whereby he can gain recognition for a job well done.

The desire to gain recognition, to acquire status, to attract attention, is an underlying cause of much juvenile crime. It is far better to enable our children to gratify this inherent desire in a constructive manner. Further, if a child never learns to assume his share of the household responsibilities, how can he be expected to assume his share of civic responsibilities when he becomes an adult.

Lack of discipline is also a cause of juvenile delinquency. By discipline, I do not mean harsh treatment, but rather guidance—enforced guidance, if necessary. The now discredited philosophy, which was so prevalent a few years ago, of having no restraint on a child so that he would not develop inhibitions is, in my opinion, largely responsible for our present problem of juvenile delinquency.

Discipline should start in the home. Many cases of juvenile delinquency can be traced to parents who have failed to place their children under adequate discipline.

You may wonder why I stress discipline. The answer is simple. Most crime is a breakdown of discipline, a revolt against restraint. And unless from early youth we are taught the necessity of orderly conduct, we can never become adjusted to a complex civilization.

Closely related to the problem of discipline is another important cause of juvenile delinquency and crime—that of having *no respect for authority.*

Without respect for authority there will always be crime. We must instill in the minds of our children the necessity of obedience to authority. By this I do not mean that they should be induced to submit to a police state, but rather that they should recognize the authority of the parent, of the school, and of law enforcement officials, in their respective spheres.

The more complex society becomes, the more essential it is that we be willing to accede to discipline and authority, whether it be in the form of a traffic signal, a rule requiring a student to be silent while another student recites, or a law prohibiting one person from taking or destroying the property of another.

In this connection, it is very important that something be done to counteract the prevalent philosophy that police are the enemy of society, rather than its protector. The public seems to have forgotten that police are the paid servants of the people—paid by you to protect your life and your property.

Our police are the friends and protectors of those who obey the laws which have been enacted by our duly elected representatives. It is only those who violate the law who have any occasion to fear an unpleasant encounter with the police. But what youngster knows or believes this? The feeling among our youngsters—that the police are to be distrusted, feared, or even hated—is not the fault of the youngsters, but rather the fault of the parents, the teachers, and others who have given voice to this philosophy.

Parents can do much to help instill in the minds of their children the right attitude toward law and law enforcement. If this is done, we will have little trouble from such children. If it is not done, law enforcement agencies will undoubtedly have more work and parents will have more heartaches.

Finally, the greatest single cause of juvenile delinquency is the *lack of spiritual training.* Before we can make substantial progress in our effort to curb juvenile delinquency we must inculcate in our children a belief in God. It is fundamental that without a belief and faith in a Divine Being there can be no true morality, no fixed and certain standards of right and wrong. This, of course, is best illustrated by the problem we have in dealing with Russia. That which at the moment appears to be desirable or expedient is the obvious and logical thing to do for an individual or a nation that is godless and atheistic.

In this connection, it is interesting to note that one juvenile court judge studied cases of 8,000 boys and girls under 17 years of age who were involved in law violations. Of these 8,000 children, only 42 regularly attended Sunday school (about one out of 200) and none had a mother and father who regularly attended church.

In considering all these factors, it is my considered judgment that we would have no serious problems of juvenile delinquency if parents would assume their full responsibilities. And these include setting a good example by their own lives. If we preach one set of standards and live by another, we can expect our children to follow our actions, not our words.

Therefore, every Christian should be "The Christian in Law Enforcement." Of course, those of us who are law enforcement officials have the additional and unpleasant duty of apprehending and prosecuting those persons who do break our laws, who commit crimes punishable by law. But if we Christians would do our part as Christians, juvenile delinquency and crime would cease to be the grave national problems that they are today.

Our primary efforts should be devoted to preventing juvenile delinquency, to preventing crime. But when we fail in prevention, it neither helps the lawbreaker nor protects society to permit juvenile delinquency or crime to go undetected and unpunished. If it were possible to catch a person when he commits his first crime, and then to adequately but not excessively punish him, we would have very few criminals. But so long as we have criminals it is necessary that they be apprehended. Society must be protected from the ravages of criminals who today cost this nation over $20 billion and many thousand lives each year.

When crime prevention fails we must deal effectively with the criminal. And the best protection for the innocent is the successful prosecution of the guilty.

The Coming Generation

Contact, a publication of the Methodist Church, reported recently on the coming generation as follows:

During the years 1958-1965 we can anticipate a 70 per cent increase in juvenile delinquency to accompany a 50 per cent increase in the number of teenagers.

Between 1958 and 1970 we shall have the largest number of young people in history. During the same time we shall have proportionately the smallest number of adults from which to draw for leaders in the 25 to 45 bracket that we have ever had.

Of all youth, 68 per cent do not attend church, 28 per cent consider themselves religious, 91 per cent would never think of turning to a clergyman for help in solving a life problem.

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House Committee Kills Parochial Fare Grants

WASHINGTON—(BP)—Action that would have set a national precedent for parochial school transportation out of public funds has been tentatively deferred by a House District subcommittee here.

Two bills that would have provided subsidized bus fares for all school children in the District of Columbia have been under consideration. Chairman D. R. Matthews (D., Fla.) said the subcommittee voted unanimously to table the measures. There is no public school transportation system in the District of Columbia. Many private schools provide their own buses, but many parochial schools use the D. C. Transit on the same basis as pupils in the public schools.

Religious leaders, including Melvin Adams, associate secretary of the Seventh Day Adventist Religious Liberty Association, and C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, opposed the bills on the ground of violation of separation of church and state. As an alternative Carlson proposed that Congress appropriate additional funds to the public school budget of the District of Columbia, that the public schools could then issue bus transportation cards to its pupils, and that the public schools could make arrangements with the D. C. Transit to pay the difference between school and regular fares.

Postmaster General In War on Obscenity

WASHINGTON—In a series of addresses and letters Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield has designated "the multi-million dollar mail order traffic in obscene literature" as "one of the most serious moral and social problems in the United States today."

Complaints which are flooding the Post Office Department at the rate of at least 50,000 annually, Mr. Summerfield says, come from leading clergymen, parent-teacher associations, high school principals, college presidents, newspaper editors, and alarmed parents. All are appalled, he states, by the "social blight which every American citizen wants stamped out, and which the Post Office Department is determined will be stamped out."

Addressing the Conference of Women Leaders of Civic, Educational, Parent and Religious Organizations and Women Members of Congress and Government Agencies, the Postmaster General said in part: "There is flourishing in this country today a vile racket of huge proportions about which the public is not too well informed. This racket involves the use of the United States mails for the wholesale promotion and conduct of mail order business in obscene and pornographic materials . . . . Recently we conducted a raid in New York City in which we confiscated *seventeen tons* of highly obscene printed and filmed materials. The producer of these materials had in his possession a mailing list of names and addresses of *100,000 persons, including many high school students.*" In closing his address Mr. Summerfield said: "We are launching an intense and unrelenting effort to stop this assault on the nation's children in every way possible . . . . I pledge to you that the Post Office Department will lead the way. I am confident—as I know you are—that the challenge *will* be firmly and successfully met."

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WORLD-WIDE

Communists Deplore "Assault on Democracy"

NEW DELHI, India—The Christian minority in Communist-dominated Kerala have greeted joyfully a statement by the secretary of the Kerala Branch of the Communist Party that the Government is faced with a "grave threat from the reactionary forces."

The party secretary bewailed the Opposition Movement's bid to thwart such progressive legislation as the Education Act and Agrarian Reforms. He accused the Congress of "surrendering to church influences" and said that the Communist Party would strive to mobilize public opinion throughout the country against what he termed the "new assault on democracy" in Kerala.

Formosans Pay Homage To Their Goddess Matsu

TAIPEI, Formosa — (FENS) — An estimated one million Taiwanese made their pilgrimage to the city of Pei Kang this spring to celebrate the one hundredth birthday of the pagan goddess Matsu. On the opening day of the week-long festival, eighty idols were paraded through the city streets by devotees. At the close of the celebration, the main street of Pei Kang was covered with a four-inch layer of exploded firecracker wrappings.

Inside the temple, worshippers offered cooked pigs, ducks and chickens to the idols. It is estimated that the average family at the Matsu rites spent one month's earnings on offerings and firecrackers. So intense is the Matsu worshipper's search for peace of soul that many are said to give up to 40% of their annual income for the purpose of temple worship.

Pastors' Conferences Conducted in Far East

WASHINGTON—Seven major pastors' conferences for thousands of national ministers in six key countries of the Far East will be conducted this summer, EFMA Missionary News Service announces. A team of seven internationally known Christian leaders is to spearhead the opportunities offered by these conferences.

Sites and dates of the conferences are as follows: Malaya, July 7-10; Burma, July 14-17; Thailand, July 21-24; Philippines (Iloilo), July 28-31; Philippines (Baguio), August 4-7; Indonesia, September 1-16; and India, September 21-26.

For additional information those interested are asked to write to World Vision, Box O, Pasadena, California.

chaplaincy

President Eisenhower Presented with Hymnal

WASHINGTON—The chiefs of chaplains of the armed forces recently presented President Eisenhower with the first copy of the new Armed Services Hymnal and Secretary of Defense Neil McElroy with the second copy at a ceremony in the Pentagon.

The hymnal, seven years in preparation, is the first new edition to be issued by the armed services since the beginning of World War II. In three sections, it contains the best-known hymns of the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths, together with suggested orders of worship for religious services.

Helicopter Delivers Chaplain for Services

PASADENA, Calif.—"Ship-skipping" chapel services are being conducted by Chaplain David Plank, a '56 graduate of Fuller Theological Seminary. By means of a helicopter the chaplain is picked up in a sling and delivered over the waves from ship to ship to conduct

DALE EVANS AND ROY ROGERS ACCEPT PAINTING

First official copy of the newly released "Greathouse Head of Christ" was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rogers at their famous Double R Bar Ranch, Chatsworth, Calif. Presentation was made by Rev. Del Grant, public relations director for the painting. (See "Press" page 17.)

Sunday morning chapel services among the six ships of the U. S. Destroyer Squadron Seven.

Chaplain Plank became somewhat a legendary character in Navy circles following a write-up in a New Zealand paper which featured him leading 550 men to donate blood needed in New Zealand. The writer of the article told of the high regard men on his ships had for their chaplain who frequently stood the midnight to 4:00 a.m. watch in order to talk to them.

In addition to his ship-skipping Sunday morning services, Chaplain Plank has organized weekly Bible studies under lay leaders.

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ABS Presents Bibles To Alaska and Hawaii

NEW YORK CITY—Framed scrolls were presented recently by the American Bible Society to three state Bible Societies, Connecticut, Maine and Massachusetts and one city Society, the New York Bible Society, to commemorate the 150th anniversary of each of these organizations.

In another ceremony, State House Bibles were presented to officially-designated representatives of the Governors of Alaska and Hawaii. These Bibles, bound in red morocco, will be used by officials taking their oaths of office. In addition the state library of each of the two states was presented Scriptures translated in the principal languages used in each. Alaska received Scriptures in English, Barrow Eskimo, Kuskokwim Eskimo and Russian. Hawaii received Scriptures in Hawaiian, English, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, Chinese in Cantonese dialect, and Chinese in Kuoyu dialect and Ilocano.

Dr. Earl Jackman, secretary in Alaska of the Board of National Missions of the United Presbyterian Church in the USA, accepted the Bibles for Governor William A. Egan of Alaska. Mr. Kei Yamato, president of Orchids of Hawaii, Inc., accepted them for Governor William F. Quinn of Hawaii.

NAE's Midwest Region Schedules Fall Meeting

CHICAGO—Definite date and place have been set for the Midwest Regional NAE Convention and Banquet for 1959, Dr. Charles J. Anderson, regional director, has announced. The gathering will be held October 23 at Judson Baptist Church, Oak Park, Ill., where Dr. Elmer Palmer is minister.

A "different" banquet session, Dr. Anderson says, will feature a dramatization, "NAE in Faith and Action," and the midwest premiere showing of the sound-color film of NAE's overseas work "The Bridge." At the annual business meeting it is expected that consideration will be given to naming an Operational Committee for the proposed Billy Graham Crusade for the Chicago area.

NAE'S Executive Director On Extensive Western Tour

WHEATON, Ill.—Dr. George L. Ford, executive director of the National Association of Evangelicals, is on an extensive tour of the West, speaking at various summer conferences and other meetings.

In a series of gatherings just completed he spoke at Gideon Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas; Evangelical Mennonite Brethren Church, Meade, Kans.; Hume Lake Ministers' Conference, Hume Lake, Calif., where he presented a course on Church Extension and addressed a pastors' conference sponsored by Scripture Press; Evangelical Free Church Conference, Denver, Colo., and First Baptist Church, Fort Collins, Colo.

Dr. Ford's itinerary during this month will take him to the Northwest where he has a number of meetings scheduled including the following: July 11-13—Columbia River Conference of the Free Methodist Church, Sanders, Ida.; July 16—Conservative Baptist Leadership Education Conference, Portland; July 23—Washington Free Methodist Conference, Burlington, Wash.; July 24—Evangelical Friends Conference, Newberg, Ore.; July 25—Free Methodist Conference, Portland; July 26 (Sunday morning) —First Free Methodist Church, Seattle, Wash.; July 26 (evening)—Central Baptist Church, Seattle, and concluding with an American Institute of Planners Meeting in Seattle July 27—30.

NAE Field Director In Eastern Meetings

WHEATON, Ill.—The National Association of Evangelicals' field director, Rev. Mahlon L. Macy, has just concluded a busy schedule of conferences in cooperation with pastors and other church leaders on the East Coast.

The middle of last month Mr. Macy attended a Pastors' Conference at Sandy Cove Bible Conference Grounds, North East, Maryland, which was sponsored jointly by Scripture Press Foundation, Sudan Interior Mission and Morning Cheer Conference. Prayer time, inspiring messages, relaxation and fellowship were features of the program. Attendance building, total church program, teacher training, church-home relationships, public relations, missions, and Christian counseling were some of the subjects discussed. Among the speakers were Dr. Alan Redpath, pastor Moody Memorial Church; Dr. Robert Cook, vice president Scripture Press; Rev. Norman Townsend, Eastern director Scripture Press; Dr. Vernon Grounds, president Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary; Rev. Brinley Evans, Rev. H. M. Percy and Rev. A. G. Thiessen, deputation secretaries Sudan Interior Mission; Dr. George Palmer, director Morning Cheer Conference, and Dr. and Mrs. Edward Simpson, dean and head of Department of Christian Education, respectively, of Buffalo Bible Institute. All delegates were guests of the three sponsoring agencies.

Another Pastors' Conference at which NAE's field director was a guest was the one held June 22-26 at Providence-Barrington Bible College, Barrington, R. I. Dr. Howard Ferrin, president of the college, was host for the conference, which was jointly sponsored by Providence-Barrington Bible College, Sudan Interior Mission and Scripture Press Foundation. Purposes and program for the conference were similar to that held earlier in the month at Sandy Cove, Md., and several of the same speakers participated. Among them were Dr. Cook, Mr. Townsend, Mr. Thiessen, Mr. Percy and Mr. Evans. Other speakers included Rev. J. Herbert Kane, instructor in New Testament at the host college; Rev. Ed-

ward Stady, pastor Quidnessett Baptist Church, North Kingstown, R. I., and Rev. George Gardiner, pastor Cornerstone Baptist Church, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Following the Pastors' Conferences Mr. Macy also represented the National Association of Evangelicals June 27-29 at the General Conference Baptist Convention, Plymouth, Mass.

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Wycliffe Bible Translators Celebrates Silver Jubilee

GLENDALE, Calif. — This year marks the Silver Jubilee of Wycliffe Bible Translators which, with its sister organization the Summer Institute of Linguistics, has its headquarters located here.

A specialized linguistic training program begun in 1942, the work of Wycliffe Bible Translators has increased until today it encompasses five institutes on campuses of the University of Washington at Seattle, University of North Dakota at Grand Forks and the University of Oklahoma at Norman, with sister programs in London, England and Melbourne, Australia. These institutes have trained more than 5,000 students many of whom have gone into faraway places to record living languages yet unwritten.

Wycliffe's global strategy of world evangelism is threefold: (1) Language reduction, (2) literaacy work and (3) Bible translation. This anniversary year has been called a "Year of Challenge"—the challenge to do more for Bibleless tribes of jungle and plain where the Word of God is not read or spoken or understood.

Annual Camp Meeting Scheduled for Elim

LIMA, N. Y.—Fifteen days of "spiritual refreshing" will be available during Elim Bible Institute's annual camp meeting, June 28—July 12, leaders of the institute have announced. Bible teaching, missionary rallies, deliverance ministry and a children's program are features offered. Evening speaker July 4-12 will be Rev. David Schock of Long Beach, Calif., and other speakers from across America and from foreign lands will participate.

Reservations for the camp meeting may be secured by writing: Accommodations Secretary, Elim Bible Institute, Lima, N. Y.

Dr. Murch Speaker At Milligan Rites

MILLIGAN COLLEGE, Tenn.—"We need to rethink and to rebuild our way of life beginning with God and His law revealed in the Holy Scripture," Dr. James DeForest Murch, former editor of *United Evangelical Action* magazine, told the seventy-eighth graduating class of Milligan College in his commencement address.

Dr. Murch, now managing editor of *Christianity Today,* Washington, D. C., said further, "All our troubles in this sick old world are due to thinking based on wrong premises. Instead of thinkers beginning with God and His Word they begin with man and his selfish desires."

The degree of Doctor of Literature was conferred upon Dr. Murch by the college. The citation read: "He is known to thousands of men and women for his keen sympathies, his persistent and irenic presentation of truth and for his wisdom in personal and theological and strategic problems of the Christian faith and life."

Milligan College, through its president Dr. Dean E. Walker, conferred degrees upon sixty graduates. The college has chiefly in its enrollment ministerial and religious education students who are members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Owosso's President-elect Is Commencement Speaker

OWOSSO, Mich. — Commencement speaker for Owosso College and Academy here was Dr. Paul F. Elliott, Jr., president-elect of the college and secretary of Sunday Schools and Youth for the Pilgrim Holiness Church. Dr. Elliott, who has served as chairman of the Board of Trustees of the college since it has been operating as a liberal arts institution, is a nationally-known youth speaker.

Also from the headquarters office of the Pilgrim Holiness Church in Indianapolis, Ind., is Rev. R. A. Beltz, general treasurer, who was baccalaureate speaker. Dr. Clifford W. Thomas, principal of Owosso Academy, gave the invocation which opened the "Golden Jubilee" fiftieth annual commencement of Owosso College. The King's Crusaders Quartet and the Pilgrim Choralairs Choir from the College furnished the music.

Fuller Bible Conference Meets at Mount Hermon

PASADENA, Calif.—The Fifteenth Annual Bible Conference of Fuller Theological Seminary is being held at Mount Hermon, Calif., June 28 through July 5. Expositor preaching by Dr. Charles E. Fuller and others highlights the program. In the afternoon workshops Dr. William Carson Lantz is to lead a course on Christian Speech-Personaltiy and Dr. George E. Ladd a forum discussion on crucial questions concerning Christian faith and living. President Edward John Carnell and Dr. Wilbur M. Smith of the Fuller faculty will bring addresses, and Miss Betty Maylind Hu will be a special guest speaker. Family features include Mount Hermon Junior Camp, Daily Vacation Bible School, and a Nursery for children ages one to four. Complete information may be obtained from Mount Hermon Association, Mount Hermon, Calif.

Fuller faculty members are on a busy summer schedule of writing, study and travel. Dr. William S. LaSor and Dr. Gleason L. Archer were two of twenty scholars throughout the world who contributed to the translation of the new Berkeley Version of the Holy Bible in modern English presently being released by Zondervan Publishing House. Dr. Archer also has a new study manual on the Book of Romans being released by Baker Book House. Dr. Carnell has a new book, *The Case for Orthodox Theology,* being released by Westminster Press. Dr. Clarence Roddy has left for Europe on sabbatical leave, where he will study churches and great preachers. He presently has a book, *"We Prepare and Preach,"* including fifty outstanding sermons, being released by Moody

LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

● EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL Society and American Scientific Affiliation held their third biennial joint conference June 9-12 at Trinity Seminary, Chicago. A full report of their findings will appear in the August issue of *Action* magazine.

● THE DEEPER LIFE Conference of the Lutheran Evangelistic Movement will be held July 20—August 2 at Mission Farms, Medicine Lake, ten miles northwest of downtown Minneapolis. A full schedule of Bible studies, inspirational and mission hours and evangelistic messages is planned for each day.

● DALLAS THEOLOGICAL Seminary will conduct a Bible Conference at Mount Hermon, Calif., August 2-9 with the theme, "The Holy Spirit of God." Members of the DTS faculty who will be included in the roster of speakers are President John F. Walvoord, Dr. J. Dwight Pentecost, assistant professor of New Testament Literature and Exegesis, and Dr. Merrill F. Unger, professor of Semitics and Old Testament.

● FIFTH TRIENNIAL Conference of Evangelical Friends will convene at George Fox College, Newberg, Ore., July 22-26, when Quakers throughout America and many foreign countries are expected to be in attendance. The Association of Evangelical Friends, formed three years ago, is headed by President Gerald Dillion, who following the conference will leave on a world tour.

● PROTESTANT BOY SCOUTS numbering approximately 4,000 will attend the tenth quadrennial World Jamboree of Boy Scouts in Manila, P. I., July 16-27. More than 12,000 youths from sixty-nine countries, including 250 from the United States, are expected to be present for the Jamboree. Spiritual leadership for the Protestant scouts will be provided by thirty-five clergymen including U. S. military chaplains.

● A CHINESE CHRISTIAN journalist, Dr. Hollington K. Tong, was one of three recipients of the ninth annual Columbia University Journalism Alumni Awards for distinguished service to journalism. Dr. Tong, an outspoken foe of Communism and Ambassador of the Republic of China to the United States, has published numerous articles.

● THE SIXTH PENTECOSTAL World Conference is expected to become the first religious convention to be held in modern Israel when it convenes in Jerusalem May 19-21, 1961, Rev. Gayle F. Lewis, secretary of a planning committee, has announced at the Assemblies of God headquarters in Springfield, Mo. Preparations for the conference were recently completed during a meeting of the Pentecostal World Conference Advisory Committee in Rome, Italy.

Press. Dr. Daniel P. Fuller leaves this summer for study at the University of Basel in Switzerland. Dr. Wilbur M. Smith has returned to England to complete work on a travel guide on London for Christians.

MISSIONS

People's Church Sets Gift Record

TORONTO — People's Church here recently concluded its annual four-week missionary convention with $313,000 in gifts and faith promises, is the report of leaders. Last year's total of $300,000 and this year's goal of $275,000 were both overreached, chalking up the largest figure in annual missionary giving in the church's thirty-year ministry.

Rev. Jack McAlester, director of World Literature Crusade, brought the final message of the conference on the subject of "sacrifice."

Minister of People's Church is Dr. Paul Smith, who succeeded his world-famous father, Dr. Oswald J. Smith, in this missionary-minded pastorate.

"Prayer of Faith" Secret of Success

BOSTON—"Prayer of faith" is the secret of the success of this year's Missionary Conference held at Park Street Church here, is the belief of the field representative of the Pocket Testament League, Harry Liu, who participated in the meeting. At the close of the conference the people had made faith promises of $261,686.72 for missions during the coming year.

The victory was won before the conference began, said Mr. Liu, who observed that "seven hours of prayer at the Jones Chapel was the most important meeting of the whole conference." Each hour and a half was led by a missionary from a different field.

Among the speakers were Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, executive secretary of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association; Rev. Glenn Wagner, Pocket Testament League representative; Rev. Eric S. Fife of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship; Dr. David H. Johnson of The Evangelical Alliance Mission, and Dr. Sidney Correll of the United World Mission.

Park Street Church, where Dr. Harold J. Ockenga is minister, supports 121 missionaries who serve in 39 nations. In the last twenty years, Mr. Liu indicates in his report, the church has sent $2,750,000 to the missions of the world. It has been said that "the sun never goes down on the Park Street missionaries."

RADIO-TV

BIOLA to Construct New FM Radio Station

LOS ANGELES—Bible Institute of Los Angeles, Inc. fifty year old interdenominational Christian training center has announced plans to construct a new FM station in San Diego. It is expected that the station will be on the air before the end of this year, according to school officials.

Located at 102.5 on the FM dial, the station will have an effective radiated power of 2.4. Its transmitter site has been projected for the northeast corner Oregon Street at Madison Avenue. Mr. Al Sanders, vice-president of Public Relations for the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, Inc., has stated, "We will be operating the San Diego outlet much the same as we are presently doing with our new Los Angeles station, KBBI. We plan to bring our friends in San Diego not only the finest religious programs and complete coverage of local and international news but also the best available in semi-classical and classical music.

The Bible Institute of Los Angeles has been on the air for more than 25 years with a regular radio program. Its "Bible Institute Hour" has been heard in San Diego over various stations for the past 2½ decades.

laymen

CBMC 1960 Conference To Be Held in Honolulu

ORLANDO, Fla.—(EP)—Directors of Christian Business Men's Committee International, at their mid-year Board meeting here in mid-April planned a post-Seattle Convention conference in Honolulu next year. The Seattle convention is scheduled for October 19-23, 1960, at the Olympic Hotel.

It is expected that a number of CBMC delegates from the Far East, Australia and New Zealand will attend the Hawaii conference, along with CBMC members from the United States and Canada who will charter planes from Seattle in order to be present for the special event.

In other business, the directors sent a telegram to President Eisenhower advising him that the Board had held a special prayer session in behalf of him and the country in this time of national crisis, and assuring him of the prayers of Christian business men around the world.

The directors voted to proceed with plans for a 30-minute sound color film presenting the personal experience of a Christian business man, as perhaps the first in a series of such films. They also selected Memphis as the site for next year's mid-year Board meeting, May 6-8, 1960.

Texas Laymen Lead Witnessing Crusade

LUBBOCK, Tex.—Lay witnessing was given impetus here recently through conferences and an eight-day city-wide Crusade for Christ sponsored by eighty churches of several different denominations.

Howard E. Butt, Texas supermarket executive and nationally known layman preacher, delivered the crusade sermons. Mr. Butt, who served as Billy Graham's layman associate in Scotland and New York City, headed a twelve-man team who conducted crusade services and spoke before civic, educational and other groups.

Counseling classes for ministers and laymen were conducted by Dr. Wayne Oates, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary professor, who also led a series of conferences on the layman's role in today's church life.

Gary Demarest, Fellowship of Christian Athletes associate secretary and

PRESIDENT RHEE HONORS BOB PIERCE

In an impressive ceremony in the president's palace, President Syngman Rhee of Korea conferred the Medal of Public Welfare Service upon Dr. Bob Pierce, president of World Vision, Inc., who has been conducting highly successful evangelistic campaigns in Korea, Japan and other parts of the Far East. In his citation President Rhee said: "Dr. Pierce has endeared himself to the people of Korea by his compassionate concern for humanity." (See "Evangelism" page 20.)

a Presbyterian minister, together with several football and basketball stars, spoke before high school and college student groups in the Lubbock area.

Arrangements for the crusade, which was headed locally by the Lubbock Ministerial Association, were made by Christian Men, Incorporated. This is a new national foundation and public relations service organization for Christian laymen with headquarters at Corpus Christi, Tex. Leonard L. Holloway serves as executive secretary of the group.

press

Billy Graham Association Issues Evangelism Paper

MINNEAPOLIS—Evangelist Billy Graham has announced the monthly publication of a magazine devoted entirely to the work of evangelism.

The tabloid size periodical entitled, *World Evangelism*, will carry news and pictures of evangelistic activities around the world. Each issue will have a strong evangelistic and missionary emphasis. The new journal will be edited by Dr. Sherwood E. Wirt, formerly a newspaperman and more recently pastor of the Hillside Presbyterian Church of Oakland, Calif. Dr. Wirt is author of "Crusade at the Golden Gate" recently published by Harpers, describing the San Francisco Crusade. Geo. M. Wilson, business manager of The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, will be managing editor of the publication.

The periodical will be given worldwide circulation and will include current news of crusades and activities of the Billy Graham Team, as well as reprints of messages of evangelists of other years.

The monthly publication, Wilson said, will not begin until late in the fall and will be mailed from the Minneapolis Headquarters Office.

Wheaton's First President Honored in New Biography

WHEATON, Ill.—A biography of Jonathan Blanchard, first president of Wheaton college, has been released by Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co. of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Written by Dr. Clyde S. Kilby of the Wheaton college faculty, and titled "Minority of One," the book has been published as a tribute to Dr. Blanchard and in commemoration of the college's centennial year, 1860 to 1890. Mr. Frederic Babcock, Wheaton resident and editor of Chicago Tribune's *Magazine of Books*, says, "Dr. Kilby does a splendid job of picturing the settling of the West—not by commercially-minded pioneers bent on exploiting the frontier, but by hardy teachers and preachers bent on carrying the Christian culture of early New England to regions that needed it most."

Evangelical Commentary Arrives by New "Seaway"

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—The second Volume in the *Evangelical Commentary* series was due for publication early in June. The unbound copies, printed in Holland, were on the first boat through the new St. Lawrence Seaway headed for this city, where they will be bound and sold by the publishers, the Zondervan Publishing House.

This Volume is on the Book of Acts and was written by Dr. Ralph Earle of the Nazarene Theological Seminary (exegesis) and Professor Charles W. Carter of Marion College (exposition).

This series is considered to be evangelical in the historical sense, sympathetic to the principles of Evangelical revival of the eighteenth century.

A large number of evangelical scholars both in America and abroad are cooperating in the project.

NAE PRESIDENT RECEIVES BERKELEY BIBLE

Dr. Herbert S. Mekeel, president of the National Association of Evangelicals, receives one of the first copies of the Berkeley Bible from Bill Zondervan of Zondervan Publishing House. The presentation took place at the NAE convention in Los Angeles. The new version has received considerable acclaim in evangelical circles.

Dale and Roy Receive New "Head of Christ"

AUBURN, Wash.—The newly released, as yet unnamed "Greathouse Head of Christ" was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rogers at their California ranch by Rev. Del Grant, public relations director for the painting. The picture was presented to the famous couple as a "Mother's and Father's Day" gift because they were considered "truly representative of all American Parents." Dale Evans and Roy Rogers, world-famous moving picture and television stars, widely known for their philanthropies, have eight children—six of them by adoption.

The new "Head of Christ," Mr. Grant relates, was envisioned by an elderly lady, Mrs. Josephine A. Greathouse, of Los Angeles, and painted by an unknown artist said to be a famous portrait painter. Before her death in December 1956 Mrs. Greathouse had permitted only a few reproductions to be made from the original master oil which is now apparently lost, but on her deathbed expressed the desire to "let as many people as possible receive joy and comfort" from her vision. Upon seeing the painting Dale Evans stated she "liked it better than any other painting of the Lord" which she had seen. After being informed that full color and sepia reproductions would be available, she was inspired to suggest a national "Christ for Every Home Month."

Gutenberg Search Still Unsuccessful

CHICAGO—(RNS)—An unsuccessful search for two lost Gutenberg Bibles took a Chicago clergyman on a 60,000-mile jaunt through Europe.

Rev. Don Cleveland Norman, religious editor of the American Peoples Encyclopedia, says he believes the two missing copies are secreted somewhere in Russia. Both Bibles are among 47 Gutenbergs known to exist. Of these 35 are printed on paper and 12 on vellum. Gutenberg's press at Mainz, Germany, turned out between 180 and 300 Bibles before Aug. 15, 1456. They are believed to have been the Western world's first books printed from metal movable type.

Mr. Norman began his search for two copies missing from Leipzig, Germany, in 1957. The trail ended at the Soviet border. Results of his investigations are to be published this year in "The 500th Anniversary Pictorial Census of the Gutenberg Bible." Mr. Norman personally examined 44 of the 47 Gutenbergs.

Of the Gutenbergs, 14 are in the US, nine in Germany, eight in Great Britain, four in France, two in Spain, two in Italy, and one each in Portugal, Switzerland, Austria, Denmark and Belgium.

youth

Laymen's Luncheon During YFCI Meeting

WHEATON, Ill. — Three hundred businessmen from across the United States are expected to attend Youth for Christ International's annual Laymen's Day Luncheon July 4th at Winona Lake, Ind., announced YFCI's headquarters here.

Featured speaker will be Harry R. Smith, vice president of the Bank of America and chairman of the Christian Business Men's Committee International. He will be presented by H. J.

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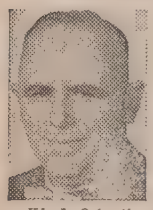

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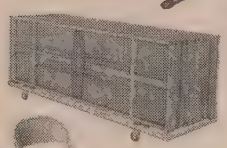

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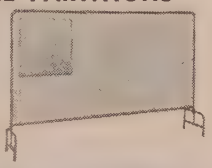

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Taylor, chairman of the Board of Club Aluminum and also a member of the Youth for Christ International Board of Directors.

Mr. Smith has been active in banking affairs for more than thirty years. He is a graduate of the Graduate School of Banking and has served as national president of the American Institute of Banking. He is also a trustee of the Moody Bible Institute.

The Laymen's Day Luncheon will be held in conjunction with Youth for Christ's fifteenth annual convention (see *Action* May issue) scheduled at Winona Lake from June 28 to July 12, according to Dr. Ted W. Engstrom, president of the organization. Nearly 10,000 delegates and visitors, many of them teen-agers, will attend the convention which marks Youth for Christ's fifteenth year of ministry.

Youth for Christ International is an interdenominational organization specializing in teen-age evangelism. From its headquarters office here it carries on its program of youth rallies, high school clubs, teen-slanted films and literature, and camps and conferences, in forty-five nations of the world.

Vice President Nixon Receives Youth Award

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Vice President Richard M. Nixon will be recipient of this year's International Youth's Distinguished Service Citation, the International Society of Christian Endeavor office here has announced. The award will be given by the Forty-fifth International Christian Endeavor Convention in Philadelphia, Pa., July 6-11 (see *Action* May issue). The Vice President will be the eighth person to be accorded this honor.

Mr. Nixon was president of the Christian Endeavor society of the Friends Church in East Whittier, Calif., in 1925 and also served as pianist for the Society. He has indicated that he got his start in public speaking before this young people's group.

More than 5,000 youth of North America are expected to be in attendance at the ICE Convention.

Denominations

Pentecostal Holiness Builds New Facilities

FRANKLIN SPRINGS, Ga. — Construction has begun on the new Pentecostal Holiness Headquarters and Advocate Press Building here. Mr. Dallas M. Tarkenton, editor-in-chief of literature and general administrator of Advocate Press, made the announcement recently and said the contractor has promised completion in the late summer or early fall.

The quarter-million-dollar building will be of modern design and will be a masonry construction. It will be fire resistant. This first unit in a long-range expansion program will provide office space for the General Board of Administration of the Pentecostal Holiness Church. In addition to this, space will be provided for The Advocate Book Store and the administrative offices and operational plant of Advocate Press. The rectangular, one-story structure will cover 30,000 square feet, and will include an archives and chapel.

Advocate Press publishes a weekly magazine, *The Advocate,* a monthly youth magazine, *The Lifeline,* a monthly women's magazine, *The Helping* Hand, Sunday school literature, books and magazines and does general printing both offset and letterpress.

Free Methodist Churches Envision World Fellowship

WINONA LAKE, Ind. — Steps toward a world fellowship of Free Methodist churches are being taken, the Department of Press and Publicity at the headquarters office here recently announced.

Plans are under way for an Asia study conference in 1960—possibly to be held in Japan. Delegates from the Philippines, Formosa, Hong Kong, India, Egypt, Japan and North America are expected to gather for a ten-day period of study and fellowship. A North American panel, created last year to study various plans of world fellowship, emphasized at a recent meeting that recognition of the need for world revival underlies the holding of the conference. The panel anticipates the following outcomes: (1) Spiritual fellowship and inspiration; (2) plans for joint action in world evangelism, and (3) plans looking toward the development of a world fellowship of churches.

In preparation for the Asia conference, and in anticipation of a later world-wide conference, study panels like that of the North American panel are being organized in other countries.

Lutheran Theologians In World Convention

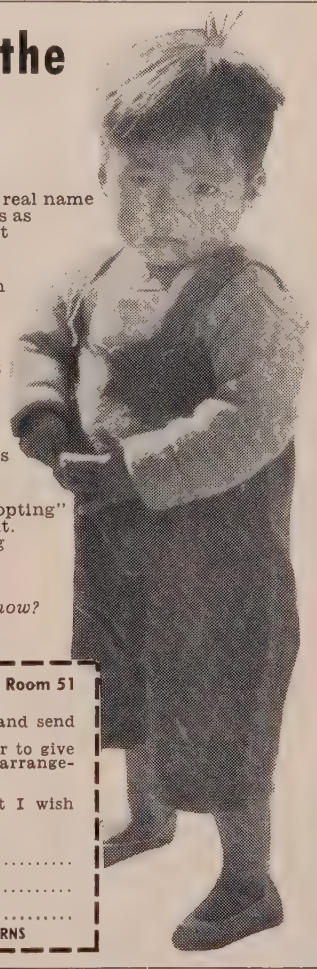
ST. LOUIS—Fifty theologians and churchmen representing Lutheran churches in twelve countries participated in a theological conference held at California Concordia College, Oakland, Calif. June 10-12 under the sponsorship of the Committee on Doctrinal Unity of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The time and place of the conclave were arranged to coincide with the triennial convention of the Missouri Synod in San Francisco one week later.

The stated purpose of this conference was to establish personal contact between the theologians and churchmen of the churches now in fellowship with the synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference of North America "for common study and mutual strengthening of their common confessional and churchly Lutheran consciousness." The conference also explored possibilities of regular contact and theological interchange in the future on an international basis, according to Dr. Alfred O. Fuerbringer, president of Concordia Seminary here and chairman of the Synod's Committee on Doctrinal Unity.

Conference papers were delivered by Dr. Clemens E. Hoopsmann, Glandore, South Australia, president of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia; Rev. Arnold W. Schneider, Sao Leopoldo, Brazil, president of the Brazil District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod; Rev. B. H. Jackayya, Nagercoil, India, general secretary of the India church.

The conference closed with a panel discussion evaluating the meeting and

Johnny Ah-Ti Walks In the Valley Of the Shadow



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Assemblies' Schools Graduate "Families"

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—Two Assemblies of God schools here attained the distinction of having unusual graduates on their rolls this year.

Grandparents who began college four years ago to take the place of their deceased son were awarded degrees in theology from Central Bible Institute. Mr. and Mrs. Orval Kiddy part owners of a real estate and insurance agency, entered CBI after their son Jimmy, who was studying for the ministry, was killed in an automobile accident. Their son Lester, who finished high school and a year of college before his marriage, is father of the Kiddys' granddaughter Lanetta Kay. Two pastorates have been offered Mr. Kiddy, but the graduates are considering remaining at Central Bible Institute for another year to study for their master's degrees. Scholarships were awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Kiddy in recognition of their outstanding character and achievement.

A mother and son were among the thirty-four students in the first graduating class at Evangel College, the Assemblies' liberal arts school. Mrs. Hester Downey, an ordained minister who seventeen years before had attended Southwestern Bible Institute, Waxahachie, Tex., enrolled in Evangel's first freshman class. A year later her son Edmond, Jr., transferred to the college as a sophomore. A daughter, Arena, completed two years at the college before her marriage, and now Edmond Downey, Sr., has joined the college staff as director of indoor maintenance. Both Mrs. Downey and her son are preparing to teach.

Free Will Baptists Will Hear NAE Leaders

ASHEVILLE, N. C.—Dr. Herbert S. Mekeel, NAE president, and Dr. Clyde Taylor, secretary of public affairs, will address the National Association of Free Will Baptists when it meets in annual convention here July 13-16.

Some 2,000 delegates are expected at this 23rd annual session. Over 2,000 churches with membership totalling 185,000 are affiliated with the national association.

Other speakers are Dr. L. C. Johnson, president of Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn., and Rev. Floyd B. Cherry, Greenville, N. C. John Noble, once a communist prisoner, will speak at a layman's breakfast.

Theme for the convention is "Good Stewards of the Grace of God."

Evangelism

Bob Pierce Crusade Closes on High Note

WHEATON, Ill.—At the close of the 21-day Osaka (Japan) Christian Crusade conducted by Dr. Bob Pierce, president of World Vision, Inc., (see *Action* April issue), Mr. Larry Ward of the World Vision staff sent *United Evangelical Action* magazine the following cablegram:

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appearance of the 75-piece Kyoto Philharmonic Orchestra under the baton of Ralph Carmichael, long acclaimed for his work on musical scores in Hollywood, and the fact that evening services were supplemented by daily luncheons for businessmen and seminars for ministers.

Appearing on one evening's program were two distinguished Japanese leaders: Dr. Masatoshi Matsushita, president of St. Paul's University in Tokyo, and Dr. Tsunetaro Miyakoda, director of the Japan Bible Society. Dr. Paul S. Rees, vice president at large of World Vision, Inc., and former president of the National Association of Evangelicals, conducted the daily seminars planned for pastors.

Among comments heard on the crusade were the following: Rev. K. Uzaka, a leading Free Methodist pastor—"This is the greatest event in the 100-year history of the Church in Japan." Mrs. Don Hoke, wife of the president of Japan Christian College—"This is the most thrilling thing I have ever seen in Japan." Rev. Roy S. Nicholson, Jr., Wesleyan Methodist missionary—"Japan has never seen an invitation like this—so solemn, so quiet and reverent, so marked by the presence of God." And Mr. Ellsworth Culver, World Vision's executive vice president summed up the results of Dr. Pierce's crusade—"Christians all over the world have focused prayer attention on Osaka for these important days. God has begun to answer prayers of humble believers from the hills of Assam and the crowded streets of Hong Kong to the grass roots of all America."

Billy Graham Plans Summer with Family

MONTREAT, N. C.—Evangelist Billy Graham, following his unprecedentedly successful Australian-New Zealand crusade and a holiday in Britain, plans to spend the summer with his family at his home here. He said he "expects to do plenty of golfing and hiking."

As the evangelist boarded the plane at Brisbane, preparatory to flying to Europe, about 5,000 stood in a heavy rainstorm to bid him farewell. He went to the airport from his final Australian rally where he preached to a crowd of 80,000. He is in better health, physically and mentally, he declared, than when he arrived in Australia in February and believes his eye ailment is almost completely cured. "The Australian crusade is by far the biggest I have ever known," Dr. Graham told reporters. "It has meant a great deal to me personally. I hope to return in the next couple of years and speak also in New Guinea and the South Sea Islands." Before his plane left he divulged the information that he might go to Moscow for a brief crusade some time during the year.

After spending a few days resting in Zurich, Switzerland, Dr. Graham planned to join his wife in Paris. They were to go to Britain for a week's holiday and then return to their home here in Montreat.

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Herbert S. Mekeel, president of the National Association of Evangelicals, was commencement speaker at Buffalo (N. Y.) Bible Institute last month. He addressed the graduates and audience of approximately five hundred on the subject, "God and the Minority."

Elwyn E. Cutler, pastor, evangelist and youth worker, has been appointed the first Director of Overseas Crusades by the Commission on Missions of the Free Methodist Church. He will head a city-wide evangelistic crusade in Butuan City, P. I., next October.

Woodrow I. Goodman, retiring president of Bethel College, Mishawaka, Ind., has been appointed registrar for Houghton (N. Y.) College. An ordained minister of the United Missionary Church, Dr. Goodman received his Doctor of Letters degree from Houghton College.

Curtis R. Nims, vice president in public relations for Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, has answered the call to become pastor of First Baptist Church, San Francisco. He begins his ministry there July 1.

A. J. Overton, Jr., has been appointed to the international field staff of Pocket Testament League, according to announcement by Mr. Alfred A. Kunz, PTL's international director. On assuming his duties, Mr. Overton will go to Nigeria to join the PTL teams in their scripture distribution campaign there and two months later will join Mr. Harry Liu in Europe distributing scriptures and conducting evangelistic services in school, churches and army camps.

B. C. Goodpasture, for twenty years editor of *Gospel Advocate* was honored at a luncheon held in the Maxwell Hotel, Nashville, Tenn., as a feature of the Thirty-second Annual Lipscomb Lecture Series. The staff presented him with a desk set as an anniversary gift.

Louise Long of Modesto, Calif., has become the first woman minister to be endorsed for a chaplaincy post by the Methodist Church's Commission on Chaplains.

Oliver William Hasselblad, Baptist physician and surgeon who spent almost twenty years as a medical missionary in India, has been elected president of American Leprosy Missions.

William L. Thompson, veteran of thirty-three years' missionary service with the Latin America Mission, has been named head of a new Canadian office of the LAM to be established soon in Toronto, according to announcement by R. Kenneth Strachan, general director.

Gladys Aylward, heroine of the book "The Small Woman," published by E. P. Dutton Company and later produced as the film "The Inn of the Sixth Happiness," will be traveling across the United States for the next few months ministering in churches of many diffsored in this country by World Vision, ferent denominations. She is spon-Inc., as one of its ministries of missionary challenge.

Robert Charles Anderson, son of Dr. Charles J. Anderson, NAE Midwest Regional Director, was commissioned recently as a Regular Army Chaplain in ceremonies at Fort Carson, Colo. Chaplain (1st Lt.) Anderson is presently assigned to the Third Medium Tank Battalion, 68th Armour, 9th Infantry Division, Fort Carson.

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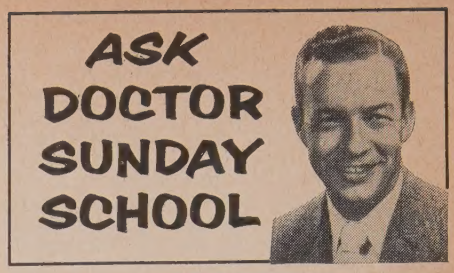

Dr. Clate A. Risley, executive secretary of the National Sunday School Association. will answer your questions on the Sunday School. Address him 542 S. Dearborn Street, Chicago 5, Illinois. All communications will be answered but only such answers as may be of general interest will appear in this column.

What do Sunday School leaders mean when they talk about pre-session? What do you do in pre-session? Is pre-session for all departments or only children?

Pre-session, as the name implies, is the period of time before the first session formally begins. Pre-session starts when the first pupil arrives and continues until the opening assembly period begins.

The key word for pre-session is informality.

There are a number of purposes for pre-session, but one common purpose is the bettering of teacher-pupil relationships. Talk is a very important part of pre-session: talk that will make us better acquainted, talk that will indicate that we are interested in the activities of every pupil. In fact we might theme most of our pre-session periods "Let them talk." Let them tell you about their new shoes, the ball game, their aches and pains.

If you will let them talk, they will let you talk later and will listen.

Another purpose of pre-session perhaps, more indirect than direct, is teaching. We need not wait until a more formal situation arrives to learn.

What can we learn? We can learn our Bible verses better, practice them, review them. We can learn the books of the Bible better, have sword drills and Bible book hunts.

We can sing songs, not sitting in rows or chairs but standing around the piano. We can gather around an interest table on which missionary curios are placed, scrap books, or the newest books to go in the Sunday School library.

We can meet and introduce newcomers. We can practice learning, pronouncing and saying new names.

Young people and adult departments may use this period to send cards and letters to service men and women, shut-ins, and missionaries.

Another superintendent announced that the pastor would visit the department during pre-session and anyone could talk to him and ask him questions. An interview might be arranged for a visiting or guest missionary. Some games, especially Bible games, are appropriate.

When does Sunday School begin? It begins the moment the first pupil arrives. Believe this and act accordingly and you will have a better Sunday School.

VIEWPOINT

by the editor

Maybe Somebody Told Her

"I wish I knew what happened."

These were the bewildered words of a mother whose 17½-year-old son had been sentenced to die for the murder of a teen-age girl.

A reporter recorded them. He also recorded some others.

The boy's teacher said, "Please don't ask me. I'm not qualified to answer. He was like all the others—fresh, ill-mannered, quick to feel insulted or unwanted, a poor student, a wise-cracker—what do you want me to say?"

The reporter didn't really care what she said. He was just trying to piece together what had caused the boy to go wrong. He was talking to those who knew him.

The minister said, "The gentlest thing I can say is that the boy never had a chance. I know his folks. The father couldn't keep a job because of drink. The mother was too busy even to sit with the boy.

"He was never a member of this church, never attended Sunday school and, on the rare occasions when his parents dropped in, they looked sick."

And the father? "Just let me alone. Don't ask me nothing and I won't have to answer nothing. The kid was a bum. Print that. Lonnie's hard-working father says that his son was a bum. His mother and me sweated for years for that kind. A nothing, A cipher. Big zero. Let nature take its course, as they say."

But the mother felt differently. "Lonnie was my baby. I taught him right from wrong and I used to tell him stories. People say that the fault is with the parents, but I gave my son the best I had.

"Why, I wouldn't even let him in the room when my husband and I were having a few drinks. I'd send him off to bed. I didn't want that boy anywhere near liquor. If we had company in, and the conversation got—well, you know the jokes they tell—I'd let him play on the street until all hours rather than have him hear anything wrong. I wish I knew what happened. I wish I knew . . ."

Maybe somebody told her.

The Public Needs to Help

Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield deserves the praise and help of parents across the nation. His unceasing efforts to clean up the mails are beginning to pay off, but the ultimate success of his drive will depend on the cooperation of the public.

The "filth merchants" who have been using the mails to dispense their garbage have now met with a formidable weapon—a new Federal statute. Heretofore these purveyors of pornography had to be prosecuted at the point their materials originated. Fully 90 per cent of the obscene literature and pictures went into the mail in New York and Los Angeles where convictions were hard to obtain. This was true because the law said that in order for material to be declared obscene, it had to be determined that it appealed to prurient interests according to "contemporary community standards." This last phrase has provided the loophole for scores of those indicted in New York and Los Angeles. Through legal shenanigans, juries and judges in these cities have been convinced that the "contemporary community standards" would permit anything and so the sky was the limit.

Under the new law, prosecution for obscene mail can now originate at the receiving point. This means that in hundreds of evangelical communities where the standards of morality and righteousness are still at a high level these "filth merchants" can be brought to trial. The cooperation of the public can reduce to a trickle this flood of filth amounting to $500,000 annually.

But the public must help the Post Office Department police the mails. Otherwise the new law will do little good since most of the salacious material is mailed in sealed envelopes and not subject to postal inspection.

Here is what the Postmaster General asks you to do if you receive obscene literature or material advertising it —preserve the contents and envelope; turn them over to your local postmaster; be willing to sign a complaint and be willing to testify if criminal action is taken.

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Evangelicals in Enfield, USA?

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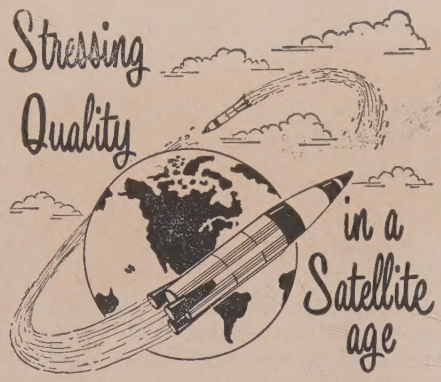

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